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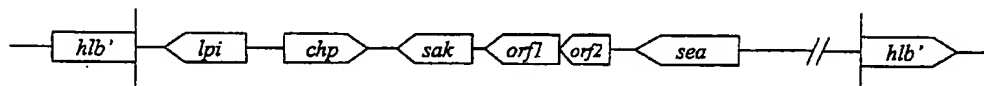
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to nucleic acid molecules encoding (poly)peptides having LPI (Lectin Pathway Inhibitor) ac-
tivity, to recombinant vectors harboring such molecules, and the host cells carrying the vectors. The invention further relates to
methods for preparing recombinant (poly)peptides having LPI activity and to the use of such recombinant (poly)peptides having LPI
activity for diagnosis, prophylaxis and treatment, such as the treatment of inflammation reactions. In addition the invention provides
therapeutic and diagnostic compositions comprising as the active ingredient the (poly)peptide having LPI activity.